

CDBG First Public Hearing and Fair Housing Notice

Calhoun County, Florida

First Public Hearing, CATF Meeting and Fair Housing Workshop Notice

The Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is considering applying to Florida Commerce for FFY 2023-2024 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Approximately \$40 million dollars in funding will be available to eligible applicants in the neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization and housing rehabilitation program areas. The county is eligible to apply for a minimum of \$750,000 in the three program areas above. Construction activities funded through the CDBG Program must meet one of the following National Objectives:

1. Provide benefit to low- and moderate-income persons;
2. Prevent or eliminate slum or blight conditions; or
3. Meet a need of recent origin having a particular urgency.

CDBG funds may be used for the following types of activities: constructing stormwater ponds, paving roads and sidewalks, installing sewer and water lines, building a community center or park, making improvements to a sewage treatment plant, and rehabilitating low-income homes. Additional information regarding the range of activities that could be funded will be provided at the public hearing.

In developing a CDBG application, Calhoun County BOCC must plan to minimize displacement of persons as a result of the activities. In addition, the county is required to develop a plan to assist displaced persons.

A Citizen Advisory Task Force (CATF) Meeting will be held on **March 18, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. CST at 20816 Central Avenue E., Blountstown, Florida 32424**, to discuss community needs and make project recommendations.

A Public Hearing and Fair Housing Workshop to obtain citizen comments concerning the County's economic and community development needs will be held during the **Calhoun County Board Meeting located in the Board Room, 20816 Central Avenue E., Blountstown, Florida 32424 on March 18, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. CST**. For information concerning the task force meeting, public hearing or fair housing workshop, please contact Hunter Flowers, Grants Administrator, at 850-674-3966 or by email at hflowers@calhouncountyfl.gov.

The CATF meeting and public hearing are being conducted in handicapped accessible locations. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the hearing is asked to advise the County Clerk's Office at 850-674-4545 at least five days before the hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the County using the Florida Relay Service, 800-955-8771 (TTY) or 800-955-8770 (Voice).

Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the CATF meeting or public hearing should contact the Calhoun County Clerk's Office at 850-674-4545 at least five days prior to the meeting and an interpreter will be provided.